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In re Application of :
Coburn et al. : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Application No. 09/781,236 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(f)
Filed: February 13, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 10473-601 :
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This is a decision on the "PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF A FOREIGN OR INTERNATIONAL FILING (37 CFR 1.137(f)," filed May 21, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of a subsequently filed foreign or international application filed on February 13, 2002. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the foreign or international application¹.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reply, which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(f). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is

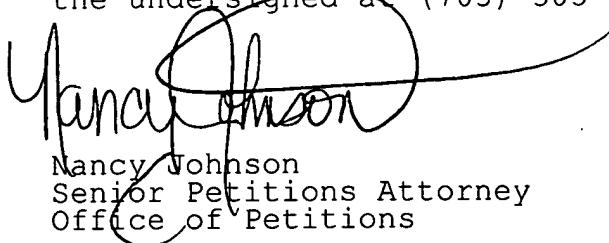
¹ A Rescission of Non-publication Request was filed on March 22, 2002. However, it was not accompanied by a Notice of Foreign Filing.

accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded. The application was published on August 15, 2002.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2153 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0309.



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